



## Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology Newsletter

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The purpose of the State Board of Psychology is to administer and enforce statutory authority and to monitor the needs of the consuming public. The board examines and licenses all eligible candidates for entry into the profession of psychology. It also recommends appropriate changes in the law to assure fairness and equality. The board conducts formal hearings, when necessary, and prosecutes by due process any violators of [KRS 319](#).

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### **Board Updates**

The Board has been working around the clock to address the regulation of your profession during the COVID-19 phenomenon, specifically as it relates to telehealth. Our Committees are still very active, and we are now meeting telephonically and via Zoom. Please keep current with any memorandums, announcements, or communications as they are communicated. In particular, make sure to track the COVID-19 Memorandums that are published on our website. Last but not least, please join the Board in welcoming our new Member, Brenda Nash.

## **YOUR BOARD**

**Jean Deters, Board Chair:** A Member since 2019, Jean maintains a private practice in Northern Kentucky.

**Jamie Hopkins, Board Vice Chair:** A Member since 2014, Jamie is a former Board Chair, and also volunteers for KCCRT.

**Elizabeth “Liz” McKune:** A member since 2016, Liz is a former Board Chair and the current Vice President of Health Integration with the Passport Health Plan.

**Emily Skaggs:** A Member since 2019, Emily owns Bluegrass Family Consultants, LLC in Lexington.

**Joseph Dickhaus:** A member since 2016, Joe is a former Board Vice Chair and current Clinic Director for a Community Mental Health Center.

**Stacy Seale:** A member since 2019, Stacy is also an adjunct faculty member at EKU’s psychology department.

**Brenda Nash:** Our new Member.

**Erica Pristas:** A Member since 2016, Erica has worked with autistic children for 18 years and is in private practice.

**Justin S. Gilfert:** A Member since 2017, Justin is a healthcare executive in Louisville.

**Chessica Nation:** Interim Board Administrator.

**David Trimble:** Board Attorney.

## **RESPONDING TO BOARD NOTICES**

**Please remember to timely respond to any and all notices or correspondences received by the Board. Any failure to respond on your part can and will lead to potential sanctions and formal reprimands.**

## **Psych Interjurisdictional Compact Update**

Your Board continues to track the hot topic of an interjurisdictional psychology compact. It is seen as a way to facilitate the practice of psychology using face-to-face services, telecommunication technologies and/or temporary in-person services. As you no doubt recall, the ASPPB created the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), a cooperative agreement for participating states to address the increased demand for your services.

The PSYPACT is only available to those states and jurisdictions whose legislatures enact and implement the program. As of early 2019, there were seven state legislatures that had signed PSYPACT into law. As of August 2020, the number now stands at twelve enacted, with two more coming on board soon. The issue is now pending before a number of state legislatures, including Kentucky and Ohio. The Ohio senate unanimously passed a bill to adopt the pact in late May 2020 and the Ohio house is expected to follow suit. The national (and regional) trend appears to be adoption.

Your Board is monitoring all regional and national PSYPACT developments closely, including ongoing discussions with ASPPB. We will continue to update you on any new PSYPACT developments.

## **Continuing Education Reminder**

Please note the Board is allowing all licensees to complete all their CE requirements via remote means, and removing any in-person requirements for attendance during the period impacted by COVID-19. This does not alter your duty, pursuant to 201 KAR 26:175, to earn your CE **prior** to your **renewal date**. If your continuing education is not completed prior to your renewal date, you must **reinstate** your license, even if your license has not yet expired. Reinstatement incurs an additional \$175 fee. A renewal form must be submitted along with a check or money order and CE certificates, which will have to wait until the next board meeting to be reviewed. Please contact the Board Administrator at [psy@ky.gov](mailto:psy@ky.gov) if you need to reinstate your license.

## **COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BOARD**

**Please remember to always use the official Board email address to communicate with the Board, as follows:**

**[psy@ky.gov](mailto:psy@ky.gov)**

## **Planning to Move?**



**Remember to update your current contact information through your eServices account**

Your account is accessible through the “eServices” link on the Board’s website

## **Reminder - Suicide Assessment, Management, and Treatment Training**

Six (6) hours of training in suicide assessment, management, and treatment, or proof of exemption, is **required within the first year of licensure and every six (6) years thereafter**. Please refer to **KRS 210.366** (<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44306>) and **201 KAR 26:175** (<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/201/026/175.pdf>) for more information.

You should report completion of any suicide training to the Board as part of your renewal during that same renewal cycle. Once a training date or exemption is entered into the system, it will track this date and know that another one is not required until six years later. If you completed suicide training during a previous renewal cycle, the Board should already have that on file and you will not be able to submit that training during the current renewal.

## **New Virtual Meetings, COVID Memorandums, and Virtual Testing**

Since March 2020, your Board has worked around the clock to address the challenges presented by COVID-19. To address the need for our monthly meetings without conflicting with social distancing best practices, the Board moved to visual meetings beginning April 13, 2020. All state meetings are now conducted via Zoom and there is no "public viewing" areas for the general public at state facilities such as the Mayo-Underwood building.

All members of the public can access these Zoom meetings; however, we must mute them unless they are on the agenda to be heard, or if the Chair gives them permission for a public comment. The Board does welcome everyone to join our Zoom meetings. Although it is not required, we ask that you identify yourself through name or video if you choose to join. This helps the Board and all attendees identify who is present.

Please continue to check the Board's website for COVID Memorandums. The Board is releasing these to update the public on changes necessitated by the pandemic as they occur, and placing them on the website's main page for ease of access.

Please note that the Board is transitioning to virtual, online testing. The administration of the virtual tests is similar to the in-person testing (such as a proctor, written, and oral presentations). Applicants will now receive their instructions and applicable documentation, such as the acknowledgement, prior to their testing dates and times.

## **ASPPB PLUS Offering**

Your Board voted to begin offering the ASPPB Plus Program for psychologist licensee's application processing. The Psychology Licensure Universal System or "PLUS" is an online system designed to allow individuals to apply for licensure, certification, or registration in any state, province, or territory in the United States or Canada currently participating in the PLUS program. The PLUS also enables concurrent application for ASPPB Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) and ASPPB Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC). All information collected as part of an application is deposited and saved in the ASPPB Credentials

Bank: a Credentials Verification & Storage Program (The Bank) where it can be accessed by licensees or forwarded to any other licensing board, organization, entity, or individual, upon request at any time in the future (transfer fees may apply).

In addition to forwarding applications to the requested licensing board or college, some forms and information will be forwarded to institutions, organizations and/or individuals where applicants completed their education, training, and experience, for verification. All information provided is also subject to primary source verification by ASPPB.

The Board will begin PLUS as an optional application process that may or may not become mandatory for future licensed psychologist levels.

### **New Supervision Manual**

There is now a Supervision Manual for licensees to guide you through submitting supervision documents online. The manual answers general questions on how to submit online through your eServices Account. It also covers, among other things, changing supervisors, requesting to decrease supervision, and completing regular supervision documents. The Supervision Manual is located at: [http://psy.ky.gov/new\\_docs.aspx?cat=101&menuid=117](http://psy.ky.gov/new_docs.aspx?cat=101&menuid=117) Navigate to that page, then scroll down and click the "Supervision Documents" link to reveal the actual documents.

### **Meet your New Board Member, Brenda Nash!**

Brenda is a tenured full professor in the School of Professional Psychology at Spalding University in Louisville, where she has been the Director of Clinical Training since 2011. On July 1, 2020, she assumed the role of School Chair. She holds a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology (1998) from the University of Kentucky, and completed her internship at the Federal Medical Center in Lexington prior to returning to her native Louisville. Dr. Nash specializes in working with survivors of trauma, and is passionate about teaching students how to work effectively and compassionately with trauma survivors. She has served as a past Executive Board Member (Secretary) of KPA, and is currently the national CE coordinator for the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology. She is the proud parent of three (now adult) children, three rescue dogs, and one rescue cat. In her spare time, you will find her doing yoga, painting, walking her pups, or relaxing outside.

### **Kentucky Volunteers for Oral Examinations**

Oral examinations for licensure for both psychologists and for licensed psychological practitioners are generally held six times per year. **1)** Trained licensed psychologists and licensed psychological practitioners with three or more years of requisite experience in Kentucky; or, **2)** certified psychologists with autonomous functioning with three or more years of requisite experience in Kentucky, serve as examiners. Exams generally alternate between Mondays and Fridays every other month, however this schedule is subject to change as we continue to navigate our new online testing format. Examiners are reimbursed for their travel (if any) and receive per diem payment.

The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology welcomes volunteer examiners who have the three or more years of requisite experience in Kentucky as 1) or 2). If you are interested, please notify the Board Administrator.

**Board Disciplinary Actions can be found at:**

[http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic\\_Info.aspx?static\\_ID=432&menuid=116](http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=432&menuid=116)

**(under the “Quick Links” section on the right side of the page)**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Virtual Board Meetings are still open to the public, and generally on the first or second Monday of each month, holidays excluded. Contact the Board Administrator at least one week prior to the meeting date to be included on the virtual agenda. Meeting dates and locations are listed at:

[http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic\\_Info.aspx?static\\_ID=413](http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=413).

### **Examination Dates**

Examination dates and the corresponding deadlines to submit materials are also listed at:

[http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic\\_Info.aspx?static\\_ID=413](http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=413).